

23. The method of Claim 1 whereby the barn is not equipped with microwave radiation equipment.

A 24. The method of Claim 8 whereby exposure of the tobacco to nitric oxide gases is avoided by not exposing the tobacco being cured to exhaust gases from the combustion of propane.

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REMARKS

Applicants request the Examiner to enter Claims 14-24.

Basis for Claim 14 can be found in the specification at page 5, lines 9-20.

Basis for Claim 15 can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 1-3.

Basis for Claim 16 can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 11-19.

Basis for Claim 17 can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 27-32 and page 13, lines 16-20.

Basis for Claim 18 can be found in the specification at page 11, lines 27-30.

Basis for Claim 19 can be found in the specification at page 12, lines 23-26 and page 13, lines 4-10.

Basis for Claim 20 can be found in the specification at page 9, lines 19-26.

Basis for Claim 21 can be found in the specification at page 6, lines 11-15.

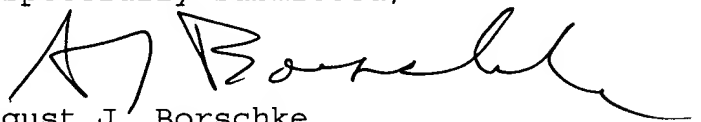
Basis for Claim 22 can be found in the specification at page 8, lines 28-30.

Basis for Claim 23 can be found in the specification at page 13, lines 4-10.

Basis for Claim 24 can be found in the specification at page 5, lines 2-4.

Inasmuch as the formal requirements have been met, please examine the application on its merits.

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                              (including Form PTO-1449)  
                              - Cited References  
                              - Fee Sheet (Added Claims)